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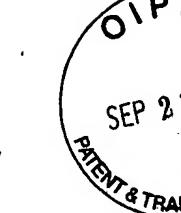
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For: IMPROVED SAUSAGE STUFFER

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW PREMATURE FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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Honorable Sir:

This petition to withdraw premature final rejection under 37 CFR 1.181 is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 2, 2005.

Remarks are provided on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks

Premature Final Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b)

In the June 2, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner newly cited the Eastman Outdoors Sausage Stuffer to finally reject all claims under 35 USC §102(b). According to MPEP §706.07(a), where a new ground of rejection is introduced by the Examiner, which rejection is not necessitated by an amendment of the claims by the applicant, the issuance of a final rejection is improper. In the present case, original independent Claims 11 and 18 were not amended during prosecution of the present application prior to the June 2, 2005 Office Action. Consequently, because independent Claims 11 and 18 were not previously rejected under 35USC §102 in view of the Eastman Outdoors Sausage Stuffer, the rejection of those claims in view thereof comprises new grounds of rejection that were not necessitated by amendment.

Applicant presented the above argument in the August 2, 2005 reply to the June 2, 2005 Office Action. However, the Examiner failed to address Applicant's arguments in the August 17, 2005 Advisory Action issued in response to the August 2, 2005 reply.

MPEP 1002.02(c),3,(a) states that prematureness of final rejection, MPEP § 706.07(c) can be petitioned invoking the supervisory authority of the Director of the USPTO under 37 CFR 1.181.

August 2, 2005 reply

In the August 2, 2005 reply, Applicant presented proposed amendments to the claims and arguments regarding those proposed amendments and the rejections in the June 2, 2005 Office Action. In the August 17, 2005 Advisory Action, the Examiner refused to enter the proposed amendments. The final rejection in the June 2, 2005 Office Action was improper. Therefore, Applicant courteously requests that the arguments and proposed amendments in the August 2, 2005 be entered by right.

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Conclusion

For all the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested

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